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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)
FILED UNDER 37 CFR §1.53(d)

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| Applicant(s): | Michael C. Burke | Docket No.: | 32277.0100 |
| Serial No.: | 09/267,176 | Group Art Unit: | 2166 |
| TITLE: | METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A UTILITY PROCESSING SYSTEM | Filed: | March 12, 1999 |
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- [] Attached: Preliminary Amendment
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- [] Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application

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- ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto
- ☐ A New Power of Attorney
- ☐ Attached: Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98
- ☐ Form PTO No. 1449
- ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Attached is an Assignment with required Recordation Form Cover Sheet
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) Statement
- ☐ Verified Statement(s) establishing "small entity" status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27
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- ☐ Small Entity status is no longer claimed
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Respectfully submitted,



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